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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

SUBJECT: Probable Developments in the Far East

REFERENCES: (a) Memorandum for the Director of Central Intelligence, from the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, dated 30 November 1949
(b) Memorandum for the Director of Intelligence, USAF, from the Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates, CIA, dated 9 December 1949

1. In the light of Reference (a) and the CIA reply contained in Reference (b), a meeting between representatives of the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, and CIA was held on 17 January 1950 at the request of the former.

2. At this meeting it was requested that CIA undertake a study of probable developments in the Far East, and CIA agreed to do so.

3. It is understood that:

a. Reference (a) (particularly in paras. 13 and 14 of Tab A) continues to represent in general the scope of Air Force interest in such a study;

b. As pointed out in para. 4 of Reference (b) there is in the contemplated study no question of revising or reconsidering ORE 17-49; the contemplated study is to represent a different approach to US security interests in the Far East;

c. Analysis of the problem may develop a need for production of certain preliminary estimates (such as an estimate of Soviet intentions and capabilities in the Far East); such preliminary estimates will necessarily require interagency coordination;

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1. The project should not be bound by assumptions of war or peace and should be projected as far into the future as practicable;

2. The study should be terse, with a minimum of factual material consistent with comprehensive coverage and adequate supporting detail.

4. CIA will make a preliminary analysis of the project to be used as a basis for interdepartmental discussion on the development of the study and allocation of responsibilities at a meeting to be called by CIA at a later date.

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